

wheresoever (thou mayst be), from
thence do thou,
who art propitiated by praise, putting to
thy steeds,
protect, together with the MARUTS, well
pleased, our
sacrifice, for our preservation.

SferA XVIII. (XLI.)

Deity, *JRiski*, and metre as before.

1. Unirascible (!NDRA), come to the
sacrifice: the
effused juices are purified for thee: they
flow, thunderer, (into the pitchers), as cows go to
their stalls:
come, INDRA, the first of those who are
to be worshipped.
2. Drink, INDRA, with that well-formed
and expanded tongue wherewith thou ever
quaffest the juice
of the sweet (*Soma*): before thee stands
the ministrant
priest: let thy bolt, INDRA, designed (to
recover) the
cattle, be hurled (against thy foes).
3. This dropping, omniform *Soma*, the
showerer
(of benefits), has been duly prepared for
INDRA, the
showerer (of rain): lord of steeds, ruler over
all, mighty
(INDRA), drink this over which thou hast
of old presided, which is thy food.
4. The effused *Soma*, INDRA, is more
excellent than
that which is not effused: it is better
(qualified) to
give pleasure to thee, who art capable
of judging:
overcomer (of enemies), approach this
sacrifice, and
thereby perfect all thy powers.
5. We invoke thee, INDRA, come down:
may the
Soma be sufficient for (the satisfaction of)
thy person:
exult SATAKRATU with the libations,
defend us in
combats, and against the people.¹

¹ *Pra asmdn ava pritandfu pro. viksku: pro, is*
put for pra-
raksha, especially protect us, na kevalam
sangrdmesku faitu